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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Communications

FROM :
Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT : Revised Title IV, Proposed CIA Charter

REFERENCE : OCM 79-055, Dated 29 Jan 1979, Same
Subject

Thank you for your helpful comments concerning the revised Title IV. In order to take account of your concern regarding current threats to the Agency's authority to procure and manage communications equipment and services, I intend to suggest to the SSCI staff that Section 421(8) be amended to read:

(8) exercise exclusive control over the acquisition, establishment, maintenance, and operation of communications systems in support of [etc]

There is no guarantee, of course, that this suggestion will be accepted and, if it is, there will be great consternation at NSA to the effect that CIA is attempting to subvert NSA's communications security authorities. If that concern develops, we may consider agreeing to the addition of words to the effect of "consistent with communications security policies and procedures established by NSA."

cc: AI/DDA
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